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SUBJECT: FUEL TANK CONSTRUCTION AT DIEGO GARCIA

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH US-UK AGREEMENTS ON DIEGO GARCIA AND BIOT, THE UK HAS AGREED WITH A DOD PLAN TO AWARD DIEGO GARCIA FUEL TANK CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO THE LOW BIDDER, A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF AN AMERICAN FIRM WITH PHILIP-PINE BRANCH OFFICES. THE 15-MONTH CONSTRUCTION PERIOD WILL REQUIRE THE INTRODUCTION TO DIEGO GARCIA OF APPROX 50 THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS, PRESUMABLY FILIPINOS, WHO ARE ON THE COMPANY'S PAYROLL AND TRAINED AS MEMBERS OF SPECIALIZED CONFIDENTIAL

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WELDING TEAMS. PRIOR TO FORMAL CONTRACT AWARD, HOWEVER, UK HAS REQUESTED THAT AMBASSADOR KEELEY AND UK HIGH COMMISSION-ER IN PORT LOUIS INFORM PM RAMGOOLAM (LONDON 2905 NOTAL).

2. UK EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS INFORMALLY NOTIFIED DEPT THAT HMG BELIEVES THAT FAILURE TO OBTAIN LABORERS FROM MAURITIUS AS SUGGESTED IN DIEGO GARCIA AGREEMENTS WIL' HAVE MINOR

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POLITICAL IMPACT PROVIDED GOM IS BRIEFED IN ADVANCE OF (1) NEED FOR SPECIALLY TRAINED TEAMS OF WELDERS, (2) FACT THAT SUCH PERSONNEL ARE ALREADY EMPLOYED BY LOW-BID FIRM, AND (3) LIMITED NUMBERS OF THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS REQUIRED.

3. FOR LONDON: REQUEST YOU INFORM FCO THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO APPROACH GOM AS SUGGESTED IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH CLAY.

4. FOR PORT LOUIS: IN COORDINATION WITH BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER, REQUEST YOU INFORM PM RAMGOOLAM, DRAWING ON POINTS IN PARA ONE AND THE THREE NUMBERED POINTS IN PARA TWO ABOVE. IF POSSIBLE, DESIRE THAT PM BE BRIEFED PRIOR FEBRUARY 25 DUE TO TIMING OF CONTRACT AWARD AND ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN STEEL PRICES WHICH WILL IMPACT ON MATERIAL PRO-CUREMENT FOR CONTRACT.
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